

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 20 1500 Hours 15 September 2006

New Information in Italics and Bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts now focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service forecasts, producing Situation Reports, and assisting in damage assessments compilation.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort with heavy emphasis on the City of Richmond; manage an aggressive response to requests for assistance; keep stakeholders and the public informed and compile Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA).

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

On 8 September, the Governor requested a presidential disaster declaration for Individual Assistance to include nine localities: the counties of Accomack, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex and Northumberland, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News and Richmond and has requested Public Assistance for 25 localities: the counties of Accomack, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Richmond.

Marine Resources Commission developed language for amended Executive Order which, if accepted by the Governor, would provide for an expedited state permitting for pier and shoreline restoration.

Protective Actions: **Local Activation of EOC:**
Richmond City – Reactivated 4 September @ 1100

Local State of Emergency Declared
James City County – 7 September @ 1200
York County – 1 September @ 0900
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200
Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

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Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency

West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Continuing to respond to media inquiries, coordinating legislative inquiries, and developing an announcement strategy for a potential Presidential Disaster declaration.

WEATHER FORECAST

Flood Watch in effect for the Dan River in Halifax County until late Friday night were minor flooding is occurring and is expected to continue.

Tropical Storm Helene is currently located about 1335 miles east of the Leeward Islands and is moving toward the west-northwest near 13 mph. Some strengthening is forecast and Helene could become a hurricane on Saturday. Helene does not pose any threat to land at this time. Hurricane Gordon is currently located 680 miles east of Bermuda and is moving toward the northeast at 7 mph. Gordon is currently a category 2 hurricane and additional weakening is forecast and does not pose any threat to land at this time.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation in Northern, Central and Eastern Virginia. Low temperatures will range from low 50's to low 60's and winds will be North-Northwest 5 to 10 MPH.

Saturday: Partly to mostly cloudy with high temperatures in the upper 70's to low 80's and overnight lows in the low 50's to low 60's. Winds will be North-Northeast 5 to 10 MPH.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with high temperatures in the 80's and overnight lows in the mid 50's to mid 60's. Winds will be light and variable.

OPERATIONS SECTION

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and forecasts.

LOCAL LIAISON: Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Status</u>
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	In Progress

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: VDH reports **5 small waterworks** under boil water notices (BWN). ***VDH continues to monitor bacteriological sample results and anticipates all the boil water notices will be lifted within the next two days. Portions of the following counties under this advisory are Essex, Goochland, Lancaster and Northumberland.*** An estimate of the total population affected by the BWN is now at **743**.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services: ***The American Red Cross has a total of 91 cases open.*** Approximate totals for event to date are 2020 for cleanup kits and 28,807 meals/snacks provided.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Report:

Locality

Private

Public*

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Accomack County	\$3,085,000	\$781,169.96*
Alexandria	\$20,000	\$20,000
Amelia County	N/A	\$29,121.73*
Appomattox County	N/A	\$8,782.98
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*
Bedford County	N/A	\$3,218.07
Brunswick County	N/A	\$17,427.86*
Buckingham County	N/A	\$478.68
Campbell County	N/A	\$16,119.47
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$5,800*
Charlotte County	N/A	\$14,225.71*
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$30,573.84*
City of Chesapeake	\$20,700**	\$449,304
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	N/A
Cumberland County	N/A	\$16,825.28*
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	\$141,514.75*
Essex County	\$1,250,000	\$205,192.19*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Gloucester County	\$1,336,460	\$607,656*
Greensville County	N/A	\$38,604*
Halifax County	N/A	\$3,300*
Hampton City	\$1,763,000**	\$39,000
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Hopewell City	\$5,000	\$28,000
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$280,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$250,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$374,000*
King and Queen County	N/A	\$135,804.90*
King William County	N/A	\$105,964.81*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$158,000*
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$43,842.16*
Mathews County	\$3,168,000	\$205,000*
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$12,331.51*
Middlesex County	\$8,540,925	\$510,000*
New Kent County	\$552,000	\$19,500*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	\$44,275*
Norfolk City	N/A	\$369,396
Northampton County	\$7,744,653	\$124,162.68*
Northumberland County	\$18,805,000	\$697,000*
Nottoway County	N/A	\$32,368.11*
Petersburg, City of	\$20,000	N/A
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$4,724.05
Poquoson, City of	\$406,000	\$92,100
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$43,301.98*
Prince Edward	N/A	\$34,097.21
Prince George County	\$315,500	\$27,000*
Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond City	\$9,000,000	\$41,358,298.79
Richmond County	\$1,550,000	\$178,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$55,100*

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Spotsylvania County	N/A	\$22,000*
Stafford County	N/A	\$36,500*
Surry County	N/A	\$159,300*
Sussex County	N/A	\$85,000*
Virginia Beach, City of	\$225,000	\$75,000
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$118,500*
York County	\$517,000	\$937,000*
Subtotal	\$64,126,238**	\$49,467,581.72*

State Agency (Excludes VDOT)

Public*

Department of Corrections	\$23,179
Department of Emergency Management	\$1,100,000
Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing	N/A
Department of Environmental Quality	N/A
Department of Fire Programs	\$1,443
Department of Health	\$825
Dept of Mental Health, Retardation & Substance Abuse	\$38,280
Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy	N/A
John Tyler Community College	\$80,712
Paul D. Camp Community College – Franklin Campus	\$12,700
Paul D. Camp Community College – Suffolk Campus	\$10,000
Thomas Nelson Community College	\$12,380
Virginia Port Authority	\$13,450.48
Virginia State Police	\$14,402.58
Subtotal	\$1,294,992.06

Grand Total **\$64,126,238** **\$50,762,573.78**

*includes VDOT and Electric Cooperative estimates

** includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

Damage Assessment Team: VDEM has set close of business September 15, 2006 for submission of all updates or revisions to locality specific damage assessment data. This deadline has been communicated to emergency managers in VDEM Regions 1 and 5.

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments, distribute Situation Reports and prepare for the transition of activities to the Joint Field Office (JFO) following a Presidential Declaration.

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